

Craig Miller

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Objective

To use my pastoral, leadership, strategic, and mentoring gifts in the place of God's choosing, to their greatest effectiveness for his kingdom purposes, and for his glory alone.

Experience

Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, OH June 2005-June 2020

GBC was a declining congregation in a rural town with a growing university. I was called to lead the church out of its historic fundamentalism into a more grace-centered, outward focused culture. As changes took root, the church began to grow numerically, as well as in its finances and outreach efforts. University students, faculty and staff, military personnel, and local farm and business families all call Grace "home," with over 1,000 gathering on Sundays during the academic year to worship and serve together, and to extend themselves into the world through a robust global outreach effort. My chief duties have been leading a church culture change (including a shift to elder leadership), conducting the pulpit ministry, directing the pastoral team, and supervising global ministry efforts (which included visiting and teaching in all of our commissioned works). Seeking God's guidance and power in moving forward, we launched "Seek" -- 40 days of focused prayer and fasting to begin each year.

Senior Pastor, Faith Community Church (EFCA), Santa Clarita, CA August 1987-May 2005

FCC was a struggling independent church-planting effort in search of a pastor when I was called in 1987, giving me my first opportunity to lead a congregation. Over 18 years, we grew from the 60 who called me to be a family of over 700. In 1988, we affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America and maintained active involvement—I served as regional coordinator for ordinations and licensure. Nearly 50% of our growth during the first ten years there was by conversion. We moved into our first permanent facility after 16 years in 5 temporary locations, completing construction on our 23,000 sq. ft. ministry center. From a solo staff, we grew to include six other full-time pastoral team members. Starting from scratch, we recruited and commissioned 10 of the 16 missionaries we supported.

Assistant Pastor, First Baptist Church, San Bernardino, CA August 1980-July 1987

I served for seven years at this historic but declining inner-city church, ministering to unchurched youth from the neighborhood, preaching regularly, and assisting the Senior Pastor who introduced me to all facets of pastoral work. The youth ministry grew and has yielded continuing fruit, even though we were unable to stem the steady decline of the adult population's flight from the city and our downtown location. During this time, I also completed two degrees at Talbot Theological Seminary.

Adjunct Instructor, various academic institutions September 1979-May 2015

Institutions: Cedarville University, The Master's University, Delhi Bible Institute, Kiev Theological Seminary, Asia Biblical Theological Seminary. Classes: Spiritual Formation, Beginning Greek, Genesis, Daniel, Acts, Romans, Pauline Epistles, Theology I, II (Systematic Theology), History and Theology of Revival, Pastoral Ministry.

Education

D.Min., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School **2002-2008**

Summa cum laude. Pastoral Ministry emphasis. Doctoral Project: "Launching Small Groups in an Historically Resistant Church"

M.Div., Th.M., Talbot School of Theology, Biola University **1980-1987**

With Highest Honors. Systematic Theology major. Thesis: "The Theological Necessity of Christ's Lordship in Salvation."

B.A., Th.M., Cedarville University **1975-1979**

With Highest Honors. Pre-Seminary Bible major. President's Trophy, Bible Award, Faculty Scholarship Award.

Skills

Preaching and teaching. Leadership. Vision development. Goal setting. Team-building. Writing. Mentoring. Student ministry. Global missions coaching and consultation. Humor.

Professional Associations, Awards and Memberships

- Ordained by First Baptist Church of San Bernardino, 1981; ordination transferred to the Evangelical Free Church of America in 1991.
- Member, Pastoral Advisory Committee, Cedarville University, 2009-2020
- Member, Evangelical Free Church Ministerial Association, 1991-2005
- Vice-Chairman (and prior to that, Treasurer), Cedarville Ministerial Association, 2006-2020. We planned community services and celebrations and started a thrift store that funded all our local community benevolent programs, including a food pantry, clothing distribution, financial assistance, and a parish nursing program.
- Chairman, Santa Clarita Valley Evangelical Ministers' Alliance, 2001-2005. Our focus was unified prayer and testimony for Christ within our community.
- Cedarville University Alumnus of the Year, 1997
- President, Highlands Elementary School (Santa Clarita, CA) Site Council, 1992-2002
- Chairman, Saugus Union School District Parent Advisory Committee, 1994-2001

For More Information

References available on request.

Sermon links available at www.gracecedarville.org (prior to June 21, 2020)